(d) Spare parts of CNG compressors need to be procured only from the country of origin for reliable operation.

Sale of Jute Batching Oil to Jute Mills

1633. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that JBO-C (Type 1) and JBO-P (Type 2) are being sold to Indian Jute Mills by Haldia Refinery and Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, whether both these Batching Oils are exported to Bangladesh for use by their Jute Mils also as Bangladesh is a very large producer of Jute goods;

(c) whether the sales of JBO has decreased after Notification No. 828 (E) dated the 28th August, 2001 of Government to bring down maximum JBO content in Jute Bags from 8 per cent to 3 per cent to protect human health; and

(d) if so, whether it matches the reduction of 5 per cent use by Indian Jute Mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) JBO-C (Type 1) and JBO-P (Type 2) are being sold by Indian Oil Corporation from the Haldia Refinery.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The average sales of JBO during the months of September 2001 and October 2001 was 3.5 TMTs whereas the average sales during the period April 2001 to August 2001 was 2.74 TMTs.

Rationalisation of prices charged by hotels

1634. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of rationalisation of the rates charged by the five star hotels including the hotels run by ITDC for providing liquid delicacies like mineral water, juice, aerated drinks etc., to their residents;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating whether Government propose to rationalise the prices of such items; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Government no longer regulates/controls hotel tariffs including the charges in respect of liquid delicacies like mineral water, juice, aerated drinks etc. as the charges of such items/services depends on location, star category, other factors and are also guided by the market forces on the basis of which these charges are fixed by hotels depending on their commercial viability.

Paryatan Bhawan at Hyderabad

1635. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a plan to set up a Paryatan Bhawan at Hyderabad, which would have the facilities like accommodation and restaurants for tourists;

(b) whether an Indian Institute of Tourism and Management would also be set up at Hyderabad with the aid of the Central Government;

(c) whether such bhawans and institutes would also be set up at other tourist places in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Union Government to set up the branch of IITTM at Hyderabad. Because of the resource constraints, the State Government was advised to set up the chapter under its State Plan.

(c) As and when requests are received from the State Governments, the same would be processed and funds provided for construction of Paryatan Bhawans on the basis of guidelines framed for the purpose. No proposal is pending with the Government for setting up of IITTM chapters.

(d) Question does not arise.